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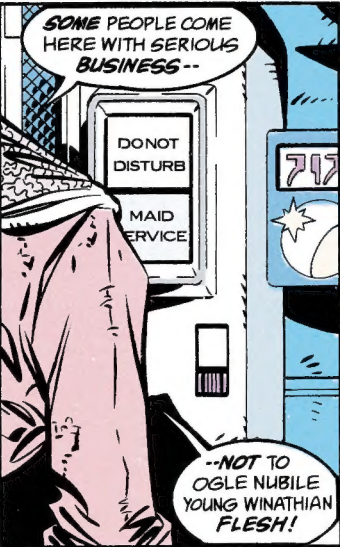
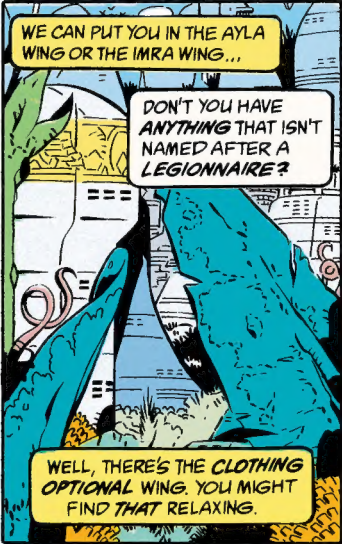
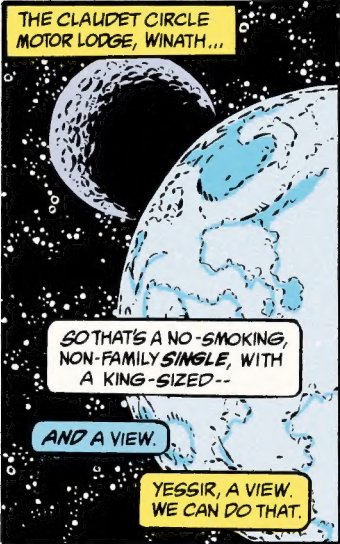
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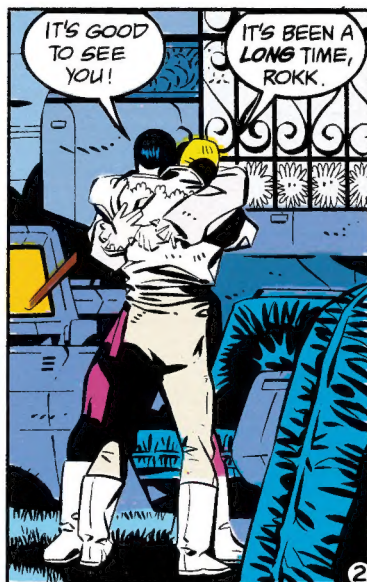
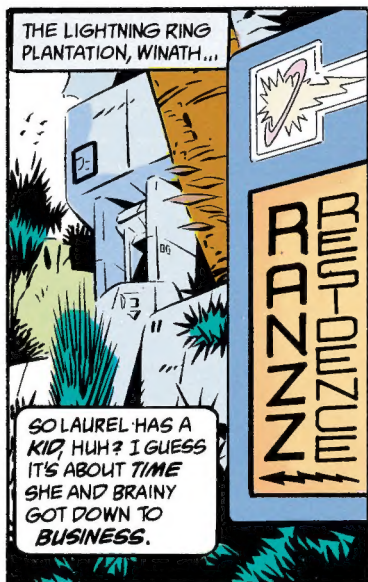
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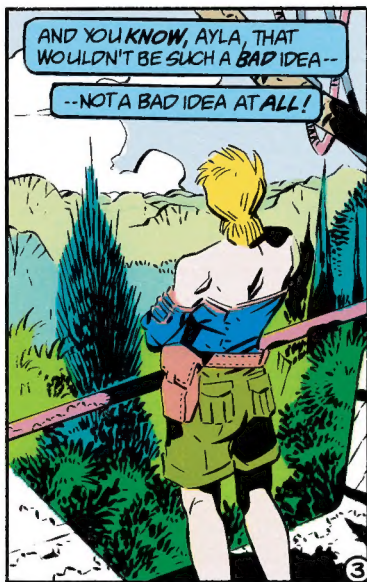
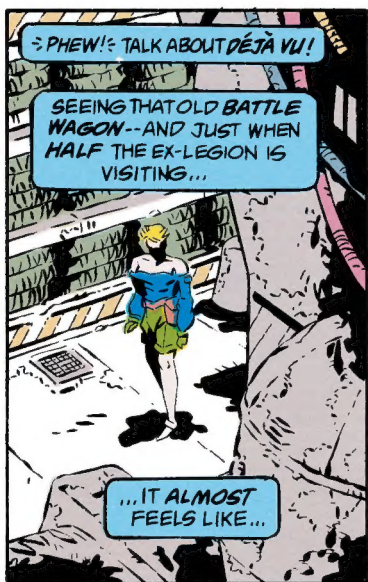
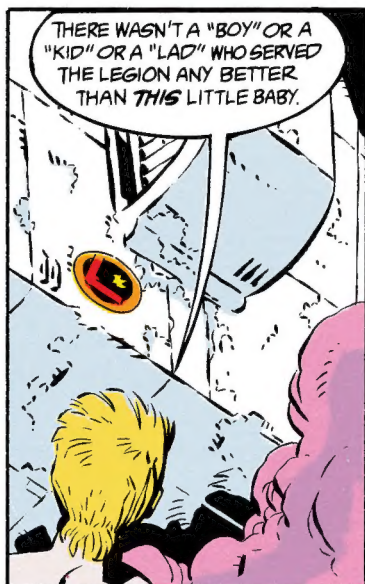
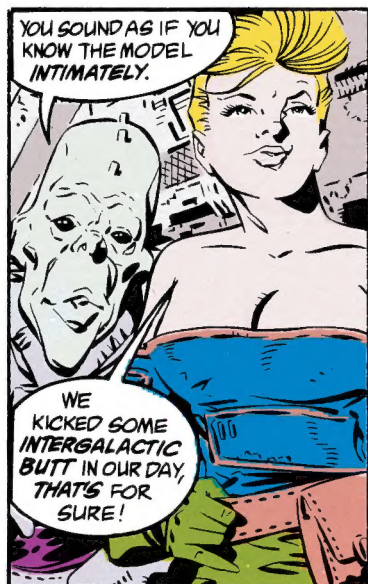
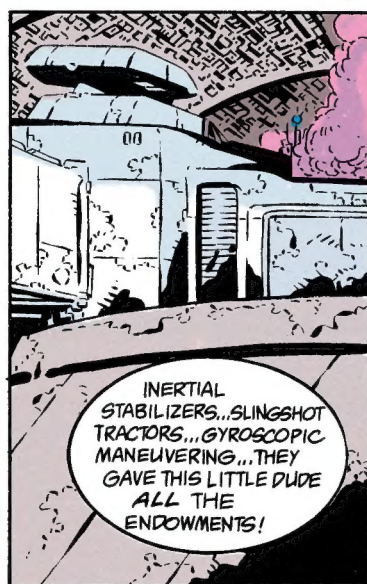
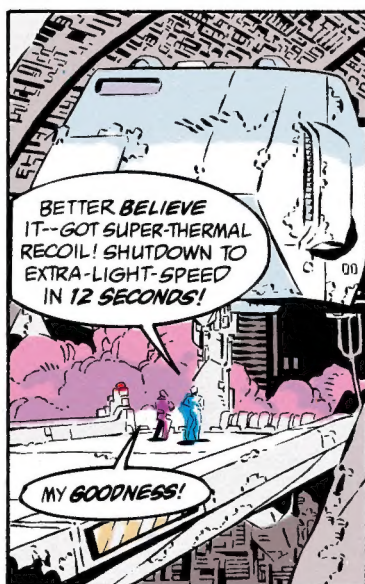
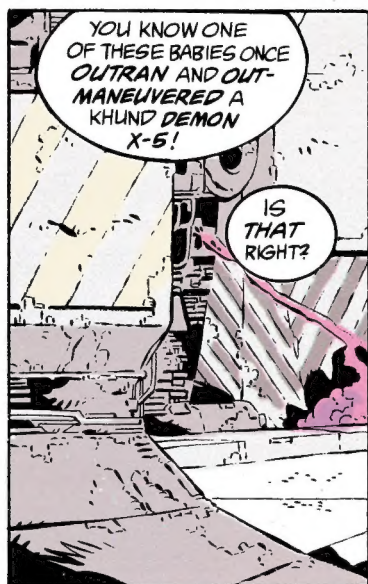
**ROXXAS
STRIKES!**

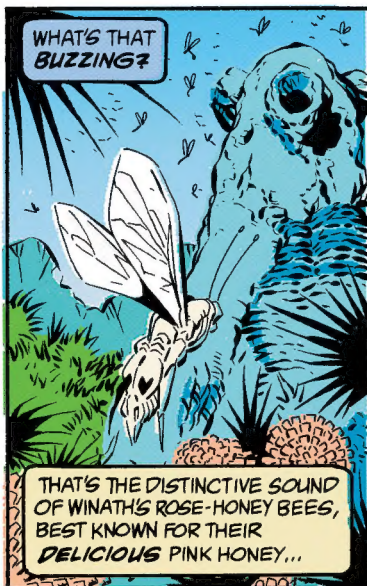
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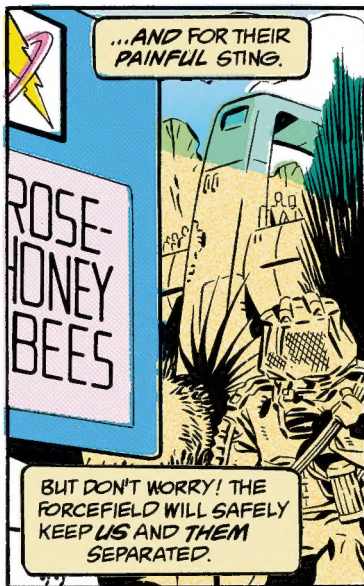






WHAT'S THAT BUZZING?

THAT'S THE DISTINCTIVE SOUND OF WINATH'S ROSE-HONEY BEES, BEST KNOWN FOR THEIR **DELICIOUS PINK HONEY**...



...AND FOR THEIR PAINFUL STING.

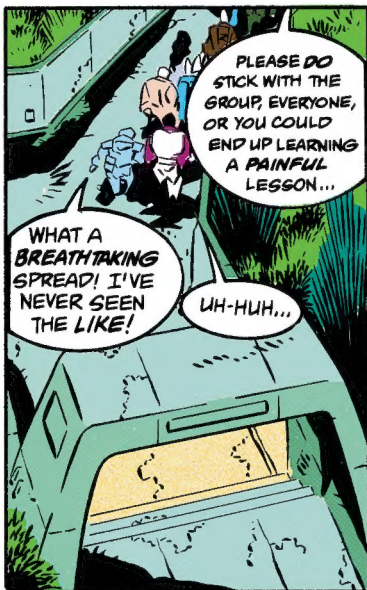
BUT DON'T WORRY! THE FORCEFIELD WILL SAFELY KEEP **US** AND **THEM** SEPARATED.



I HEARD THAT **SAME** BUZZING OUT NEAR THE **MONUMENTS**.

OH, DEAR!

SIR, THAT'S A **RESTRICTED AREA**-- PARTLY BECAUSE OF ALL THE **WILD BEES** OUT THERE.



PLEASE **DO** STICK WITH THE GROUP, EVERYONE, OR YOU COULD END UP LEARNING A PAINFUL LESSON...

WHAT A **BREATHTAKING SPREAD!** I'VE NEVER SEEN THE LIKE!

UH-HUH...



ALL THIS **AGRICULTURAL GRANDEUR!** AND THEY SAID WE MIGHT EVEN SEE AN **EX-LEGIONNAIRE!**

YEAH, RIGHT.

I'D LOVE TO SEE **IMRA!** HOW ABOUT YOU?!

THAT'S IT!



SIR?

GASP!

I-I KNOW HE WAS THERE -- HE WAS **STANDING RIGHT THERE!** I **SAW HIM!**

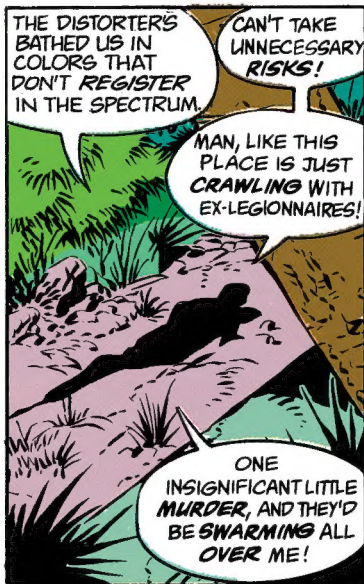


ANOTHER SECOND AND I'DVE **KILLED HIM, I SWEAR!**

STUPID **BLOODY TOURISTS!**

NO, NO, **MUSTN'T KILL!**

MAN, LIKE WE BE **VANISHED...** WE'RE **INVISIBLE!**



THE **DISTORTER'S** BATHED US IN COLORS THAT DON'T REGISTER IN THE SPECTRUM.

CAN'T TAKE **UNNECESSARY RISKS!**

MAN, LIKE THIS PLACE IS JUST **CRAWLING** WITH **EX-LEGIONNAIRES!**

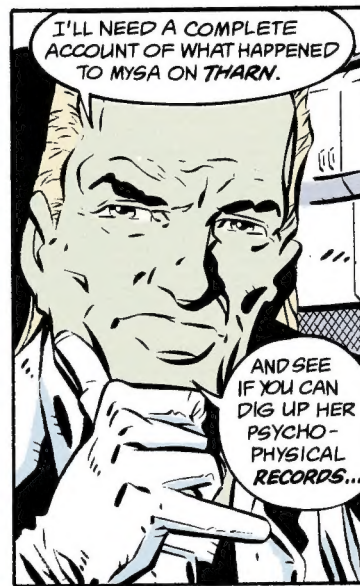
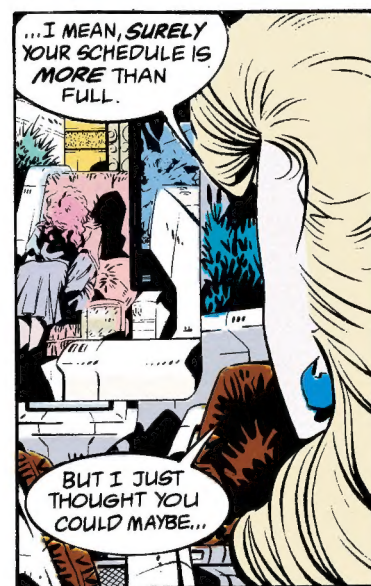
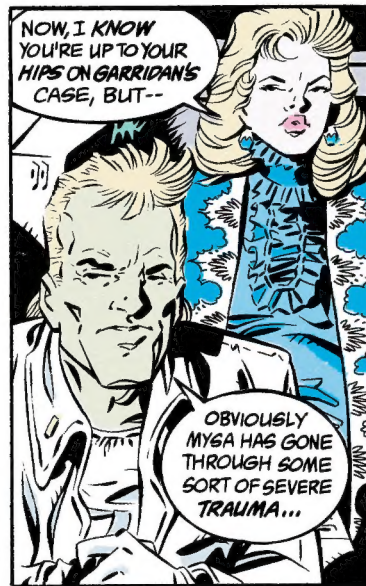
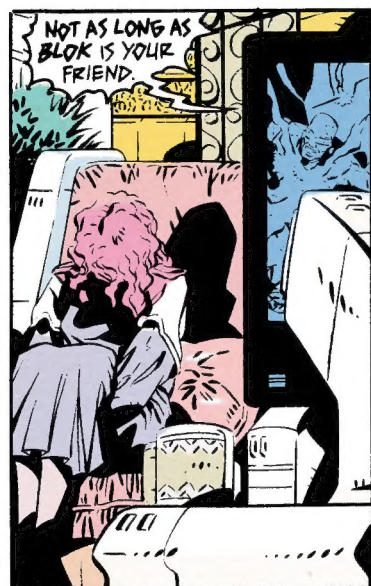
ONE **INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE MURDER**, AND THEY'D BE **SWARMING** ALL OVER ME!



WE CAN'T HAVE THAT!

CERTAINLY **NOT!**

IT IS I WHO'LL DO THE **SURPRISING** AROUND HERE!





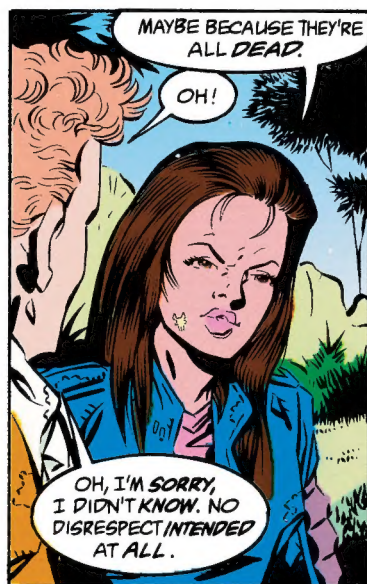
THESE'D MAKE **BEAUTIFUL** VISUALS FOR MY STORY! TOO BAD I LEFT MY **HOLD-CORDER** BACK AT THE MANSION.

YEAH... TOO BAD.



I'VE ALWAYS **ADMIRERD** THE LEGION TREMENDOUSLY! I CAN NAME JUST ABOUT **EVERYONE A'** THESE STATUES!

BUT I **WONDER** WHY THEY CHOSE ALL THESE HEROES I **BARELY** HEARD OF.



MAYBE BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL DEAD.

OH!

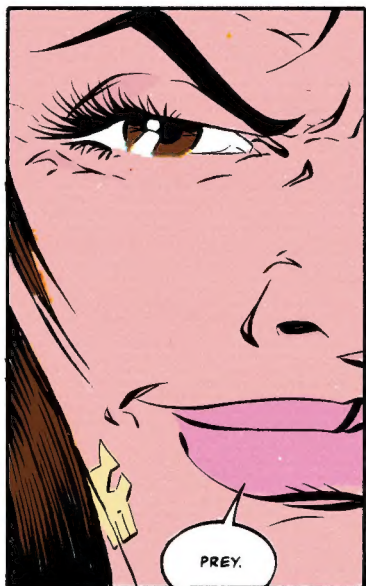
OH, I'M **SORRY**, I **DIDN'T** KNOW. NO **DISRESPECT/INTENDED** AT ALL.



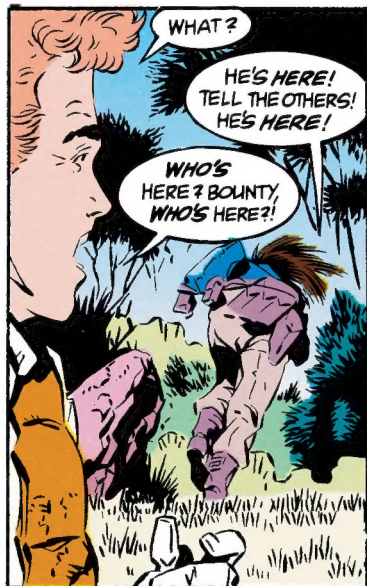
I **REALLY** DIDN'T REALIZE--

WHA--?

MA'AM?



PREY.



WHAT?

HE'S HERE! TELL THE OTHERS! HE'S HERE!

WHO'S HERE? BOUNTY, WHO'S HERE?!



BOUNTY! DAMN FLIGHTY FEMALE! I FOLLOWED HER OUT HERE. NOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND MY WAY BACK ALONE?

AN' **WHO** THE DEVIL WAS SHE TALKIN' ABOUT? **WHO'S** HERE?



ROXXAS! SHE MUSTA MEANT **ROXXAS!**

GOOD GOD, **ROXXAS** IS HERE!



NOW I'VE GOT TO FIND MY WAY BACK! TELL THE OTHERS!

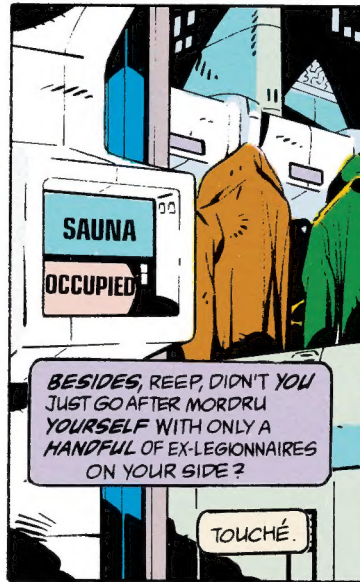
LET'S SEE, I THINK THIS WAS THE WAY.

WHAT'S THAT BUZZING?

LIGHTNING RING FITNESS COMPLEX...

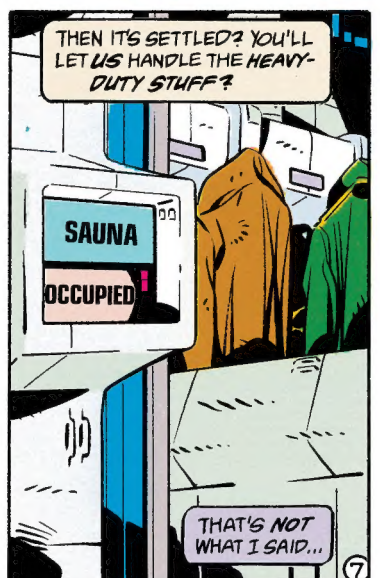
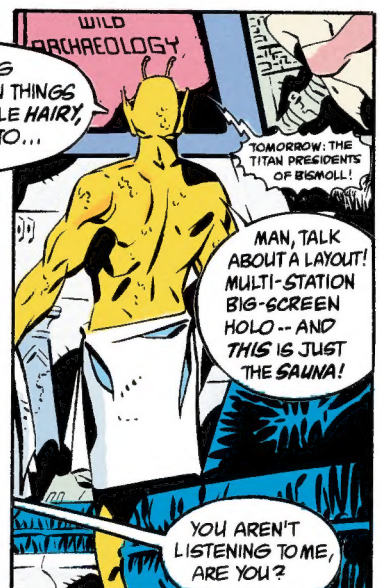
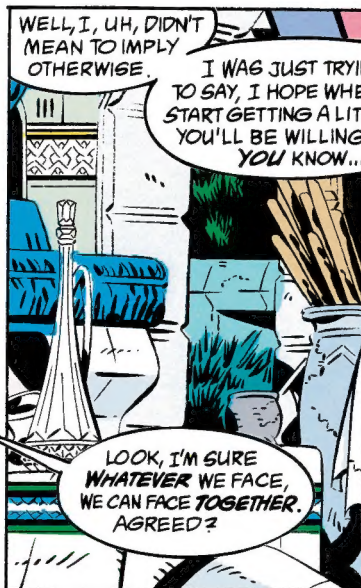
YOU GUYS WERE GOING OFF AFTER ROXXAS ON YOUR OWN? YOU MUST REALLY BELIEVE THAT "LEGENDARY DETECTIVE" TRIPE EARTHGOV'S BEEN SPEWING OUT ABOUT YOU.

LISTEN, CHAM, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY GOT THAT PROPAGANDA. IT'S RIDICULOUS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE IN OVER OUR HEADS ON THIS ROXXAS THING.



BESIDES, REEP, DIDN'T YOU JUST GO AFTER MORDRU YOURSELF WITH ONLY A HANDFUL OF EX-LEGIONNAIRES ON YOUR SIDE?

TOUCHÉ.



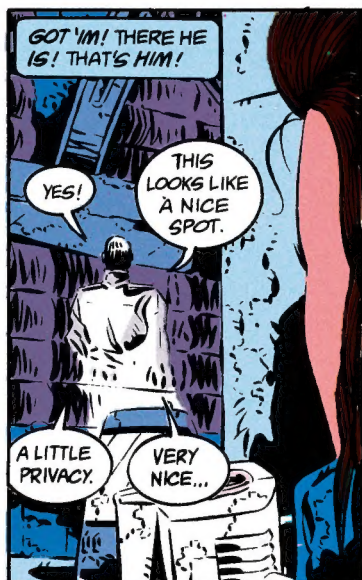


THE SILO COMPLEX...

OKAY, EASY NOW,
BOUNTY... STILL
GOT THE SCENT...

...YEAH, THAT WAS DEFINITELY
THE HUM OF A DISTORTER...
STILL GOT HIS TRAIL...

THINKS HE'S ALONE...
THINKS HE'S SAFE...



GOT 'IM! THERE HE
IS! THAT'S HIM!

YES!

THIS
LOOKS LIKE
A NICE
SPOT.

A LITTLE
PRIVACY.

VERY
NICE...



HERE'S THE GALAXY-FAMOUS
QUALITY-CONTROL INSPECTOR...

OKAY,
GUYS...

...LET'S GO
OUT AND
CONTROL SOME
QUALITY!



HEY, BUDDY, DIDN'T
YOU HEAR THE
QUITTING BELLS?

YOU CAN GO
HOME--IT'S SILVERALE
TIME.

MEKT?

LIGHTNING
LORD?



YOU CAN JUST SHOVE
OFF, PAL! I WAS HERE
FIRST!

IF YOU WANT A
SHOT AT THOSE LEGION
BRATS, YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO STAND
IN LINE!

What?

I'VE
SPENT
WEEKS--



MONTHS!

YEARS,
EVEN!

-- SETTING UP
THOSE NINNIES,
AND IF YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING TO
HORN IN AT THE
LAST MINUTE--!

HONESTLY!

HEY, COME
ON, BUDDY...!



!Sigh! I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT
IN BEING PETTY.

I SHOULD
BE BIG ABOUT
THIS.

Roxas!



TELL YOU WHAT-- I'LL LET YOU HAVE
THE SHRINKING WOMAN AND THAT
GREEN-SKINNED FREAK.

Mother
God...

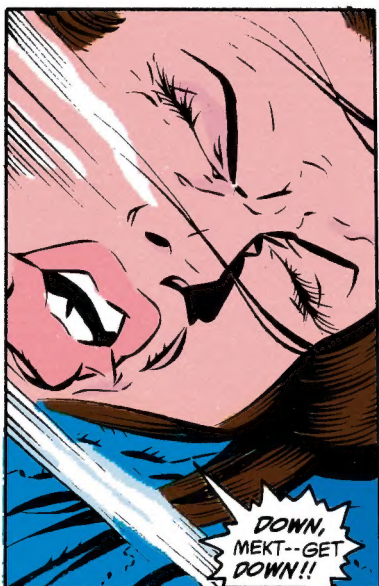
BUT I
GET THE REST!
UNDERSTAND?

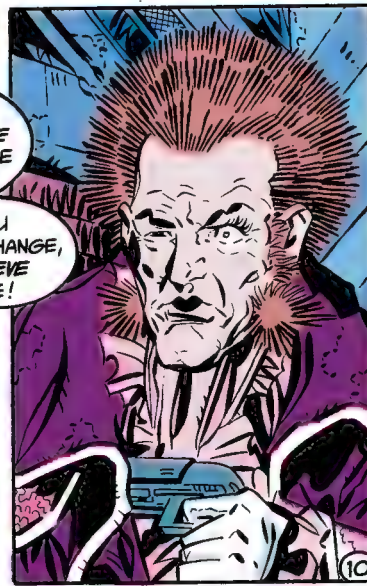
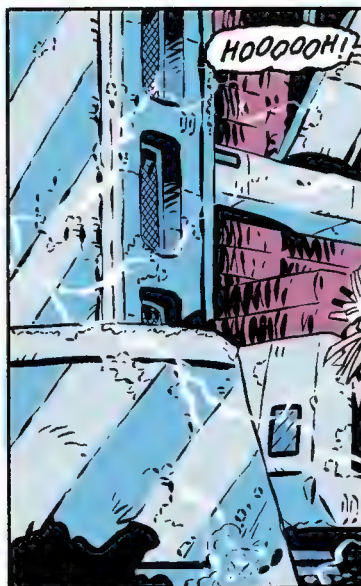


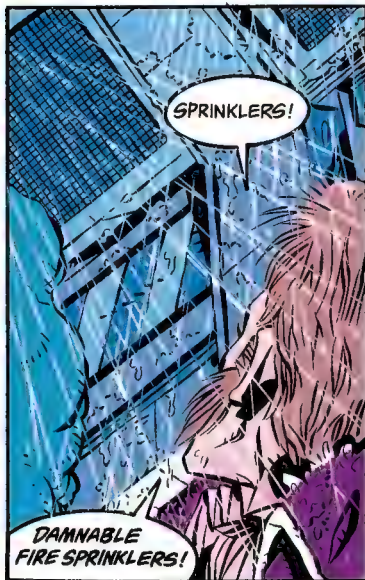
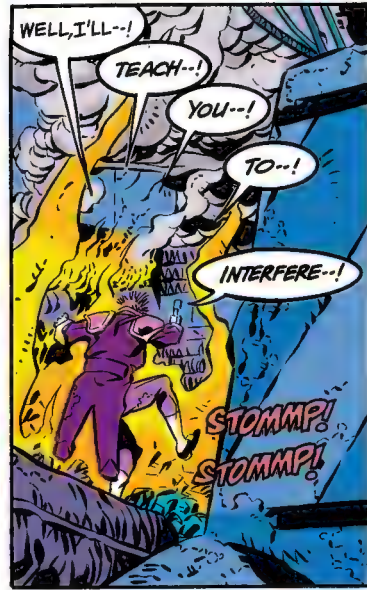
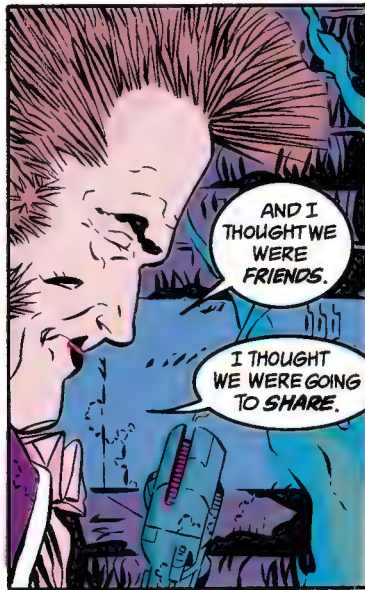
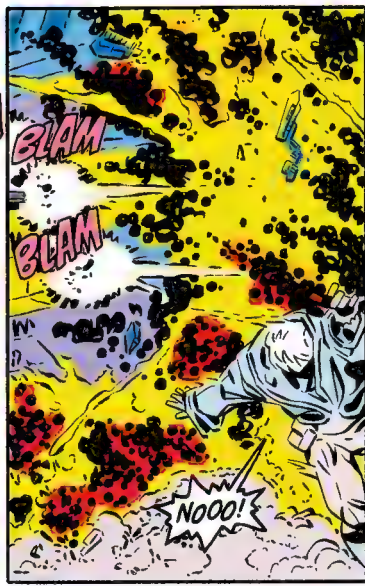
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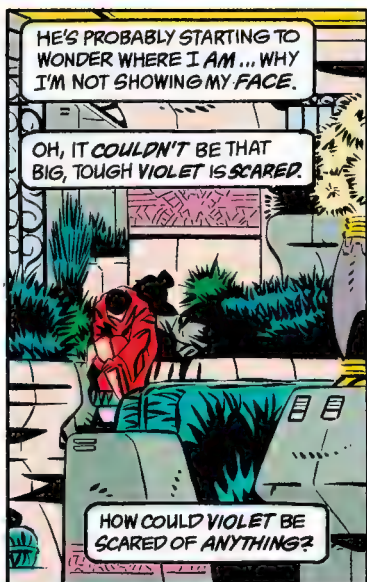
PLEASE
EXCUSE US
FOR A
SECOND!

JUST ONE
LITTLE PIECE OF
BUSINESS I MUST
TEND TO...









HE'S PROBABLY STARTING TO WONDER WHERE I AM... WHY I'M NOT SHOWING MY FACE.

OH, IT COULDN'T BE THAT BIG, TOUGH VIOLET IS SCARED.

HOW COULD VIOLET BE SCARED OF ANYTHING?

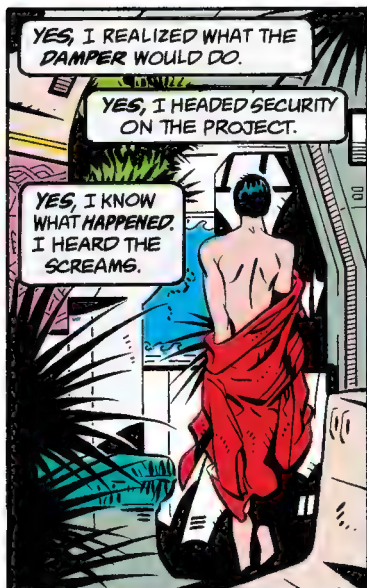
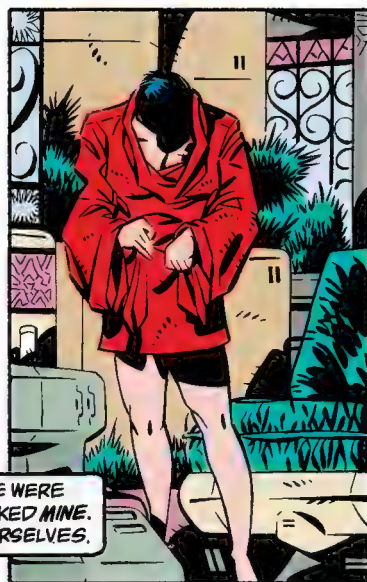


OH, ROKK.

GOD.

IT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO, VIOLET-- JUST TELL HIM... EXPLAIN IT TO HIM.

I WAS DOING MY DUTY. WE WERE AT WAR. HIS PLANET ATTACKED MINE. WE WERE DEFENDING OURSELVES.



YES, I REALIZED WHAT THE DAMPER WOULD DO.

YES, I HEADED SECURITY ON THE PROJECT.

YES, I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. I HEARD THE SCREAMS.



BUT I ADVISED AGAINST IT-- I FOUGHT AGAINST USING IT.

AT VENADO BAY OR ANYWHERE, EVER.



I JUST DIDN'T FIGHT HARD ENOUGH, DID I?



HUH--?!

IT ISN'T FAIR!

YOU'RE... KONO, RIGHT?

THAT IRON-BUTT MIRA SAYS I GOTTA STAY ON THIS STUPID PLAN-TATION!

AND WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN MY QUARTERS?



SEE, IF SOMEBODY GOES WITH ME, THEY HAFTA LET ME GO INTO THE CITY, RIGHT?

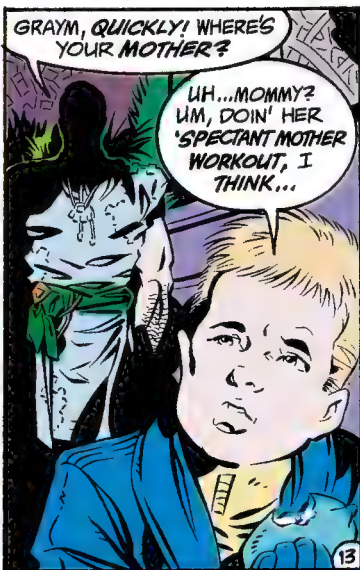
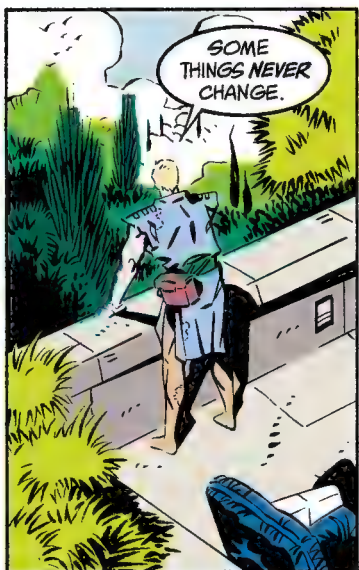
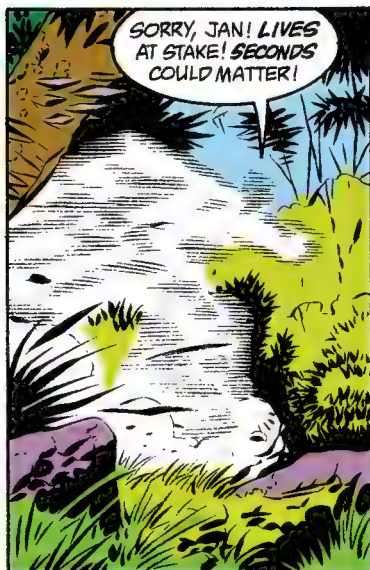
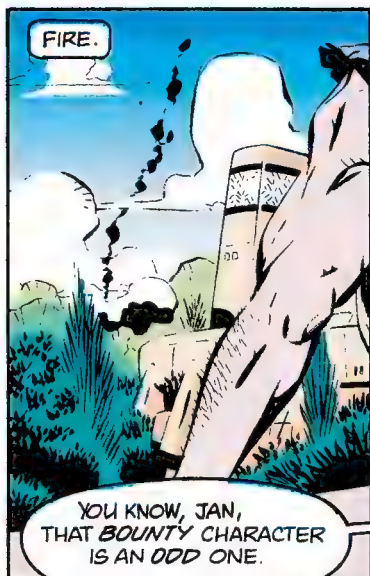
SO YOU CAN GO WITH ME, OKAY?

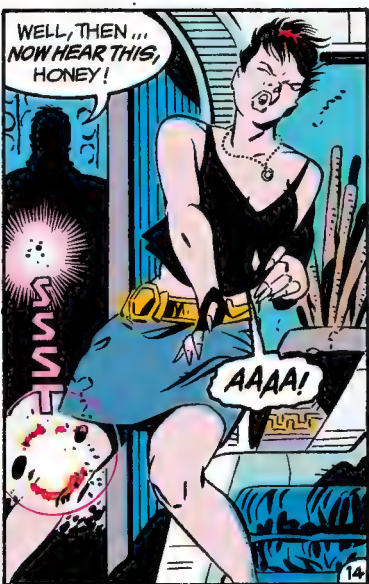
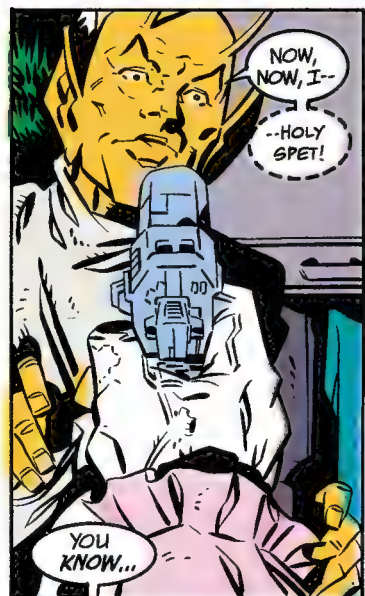
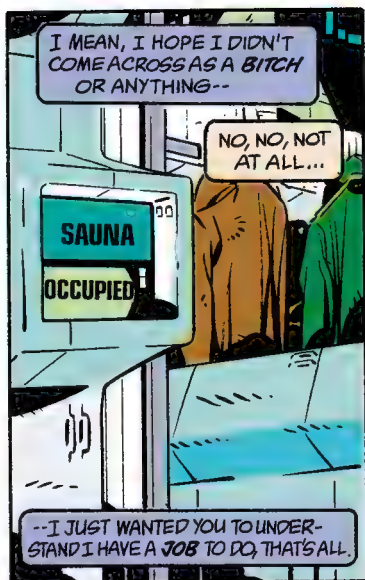


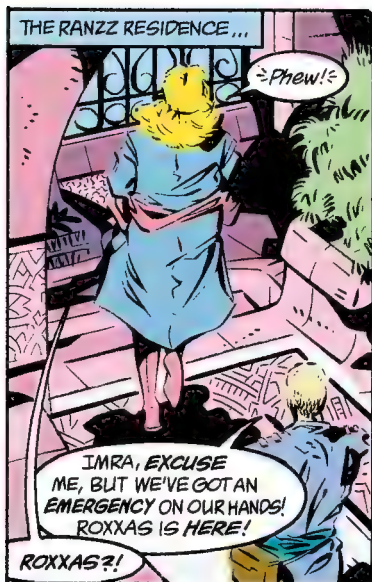
OH, YOU'RE A CUTE ONE, KID. YOU'RE REAL CUTE!

BUT THE ANSWER IS NO.

OH, POOP!





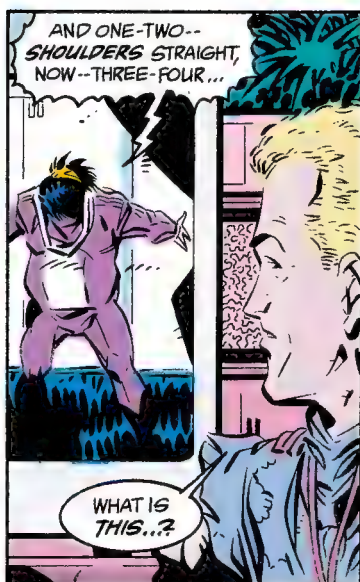


THE RANZZ RESIDENCE...

Phew!~

IMRA, EXCUSE ME, BUT WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY ON OUR HANDS! ROXXAS IS HERE!

ROXXAS?!



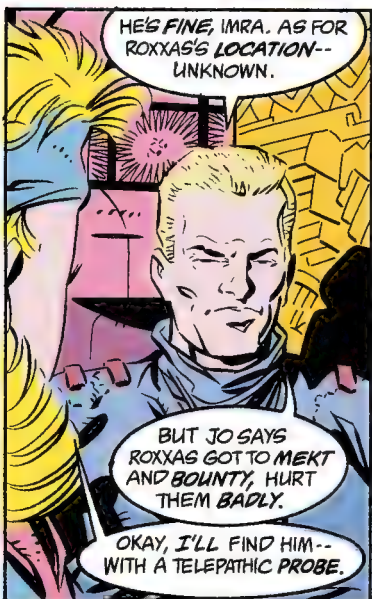
AND ONE-TWO-- SHOULDERS STRAIGHT, NOW--THREE-FOUR...

WHAT IS THIS...?



NEVER MIND THAT--

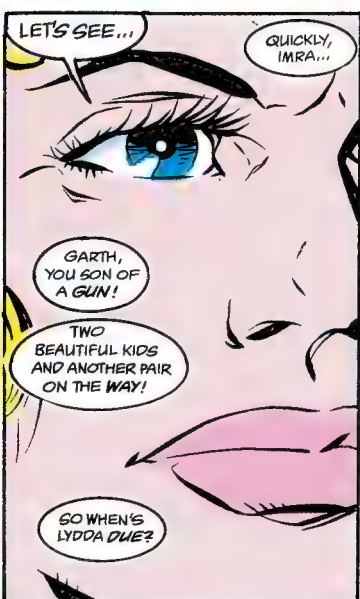
--WHERE IS ROXXAS? WHAT DAMAGE HAS HE DONE? IS GRAYM SAFE?



HE'S FINE, IMRA. AS FOR ROXXAS'S LOCATION-- UNKNOWN.

BUT JO SAYS ROXXAS GOT TO MEKT AND BOUNTY, HURT THEM BADLY.

OKAY, I'LL FIND HIM-- WITH A TELEPATHIC PROBE.



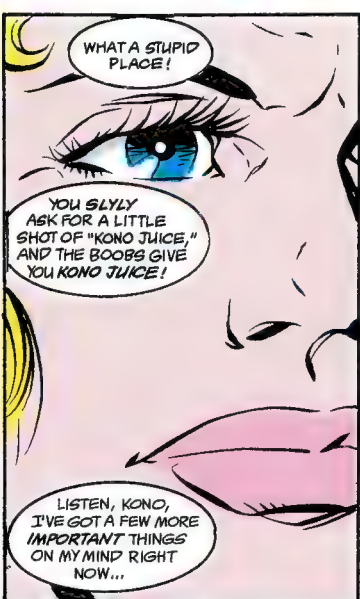
LET'S SEE...

QUICKLY, IMRA...

GARTH, YOU SON OF A GUN!

TWO BEAUTIFUL KIDS AND ANOTHER PAIR ON THE WAY!

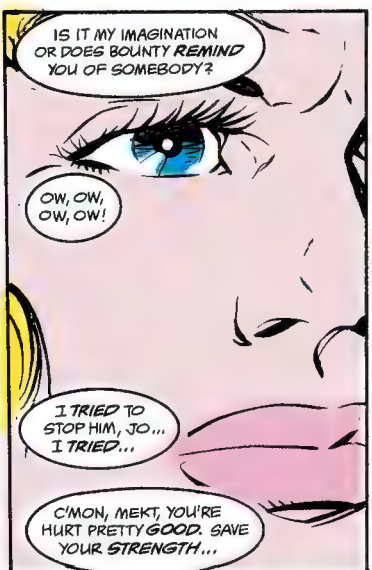
SO WHEN'S LYDDA DUE?



WHAT A STUPID PLACE!

YOU SLYLY ASK FOR A LITTLE SHOT OF "KONO JUICE," AND THE BOOBS GIVE YOU KONO JUICE!

LISTEN, KONO, I'VE GOT A FEW MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW...



IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR DOES BOUNTY REMIND YOU OF SOMEBODY?

OW, OW, OW, OW!

I TRIED TO STOP HIM, JO... I TRIED...

C'MON, MEKT, YOU'RE HURT PRETTY GOOD. SAVE YOUR STRENGTH...



LIAR! LIAR!

KILL HER!

INFORMATION FIRST!

YOU KILLED US! SO KILL HER!

WE GOT NO MERCY!

YOU'LL GET NO MERCY!

KILL THEM ALL!

NO! NO!

NOT YET! INFORMATION FIRST!

THEN KILL HER!

YOU KILLED US! KILL HER!

AUGHN!

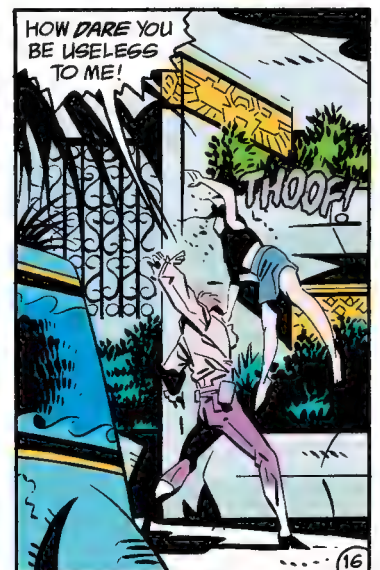
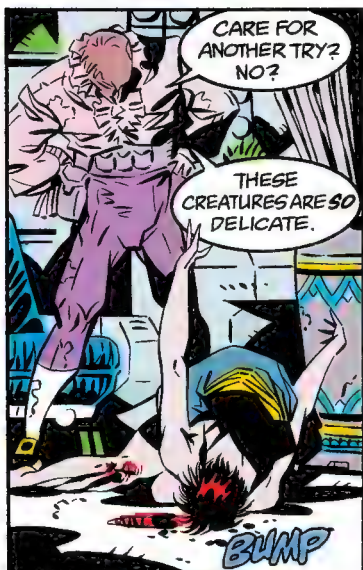
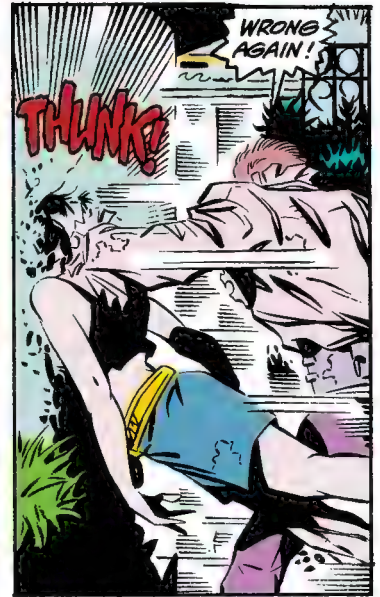
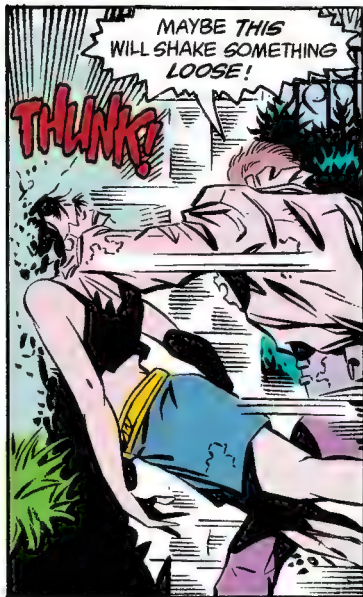


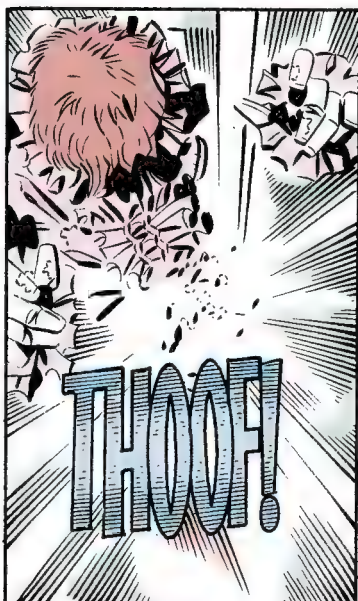
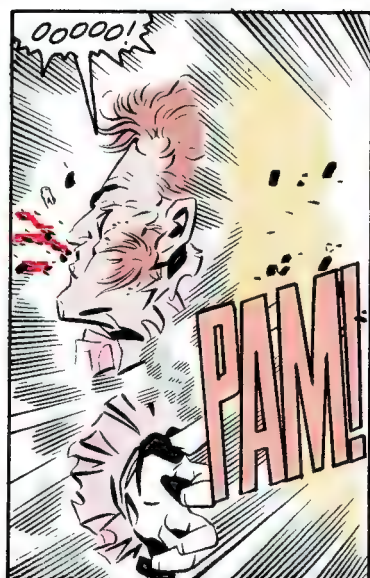
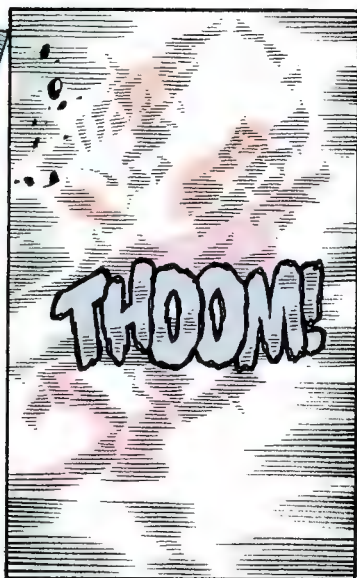
...UHHH...

...THE...THE FITNESS COMPLEX... LOCKER ROOM...

GOT IT!

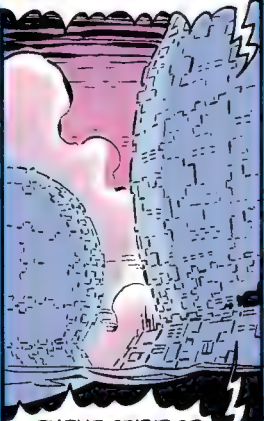
...I'LL...ALERT THE OTHERS...







AND MANY ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE...



... BY THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE DOMINION AND THE FREE WORLDS.



WE'VE DRAWN MUCH OF THE CURRENT SCIENCES OF REMOTE AND MOBILE ENVIRONMENTS FROM THE BEAUTIFUL FLOATING CITIES OF THE DOMINION.

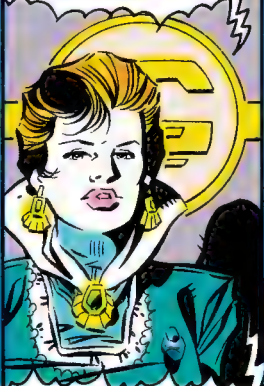
WE INTERRUPT THIS SERVICE FOR AN EARTHGOV BULLETIN...

BULLETIN

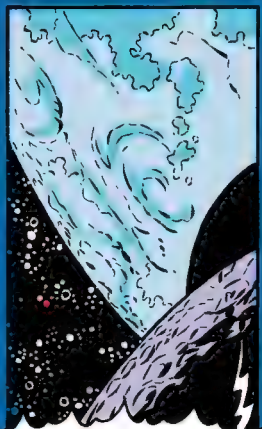


REPORTING FROM OUR METROPOLIS NEWSROOM IS MARELLA TAO...

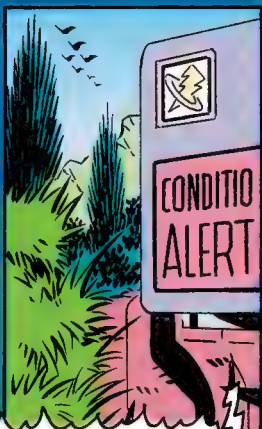
THERE'S BEEN A BRUTAL ATTACK AT THE LIGHTNING RING PLANTATION ON WINATH.



THE DEATH TOLL MAY INCLUDE SOME EX-LEGIONNAIRES, AND EARTHGOV DETECTIVE CELESTE ROCKFISH IS REPORTED TO BE CRITICALLY INJURED.



THIS IS A SHOT OF THE PLANET WHERE IT IS BELIEVED THE MASS-MURDERER ROXXAS HAS ATTACKED THE EX-LEGIONNAIRES AND OTHER CIVILIANS.



AND THIS IS THE SCENE WHERE THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON. EARTHGOV HAD HIRED ROCKFISH TO TRACK DOWN ROXXAS FOR THE MURDER OF BLOK.

G.P. OFFICER LYGA ISSUED THIS STATEMENT A FEW MOMENTS AGO...



ROXXAS HAS ESCAPED THE PLANTATION. WE BELIEVE THERE WERE SOME FATALITIES, BUT WE CAN'T CONFIRM ANYTHING AT THIS TIME.

INFORMED SOURCES PROVIDED US WITH THIS LIST OF APPARENT CASUALTIES...

PRESUMED DEAD

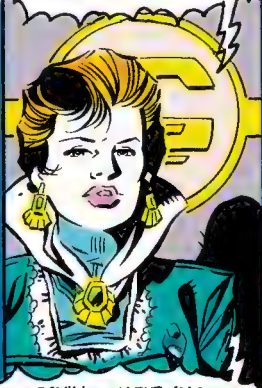
Bounty
Reep Daggle
Jo Nah

EXTREMELY GRAVE
CONDITION
Celeste Rockfish

CRITICAL CONDITION
Mekt Ranzz

MISSING
Devlin O'Ryan

EARTHGOV QUICKLY ISSUED A STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THE EX-LEGIONNAIRES...



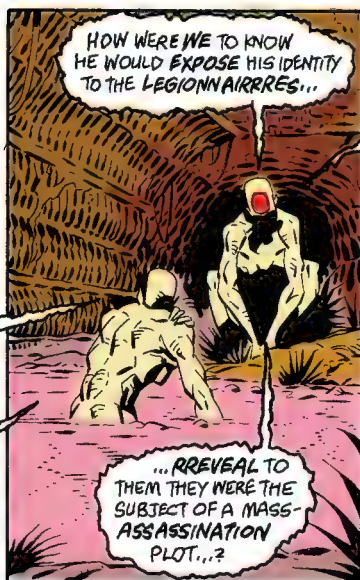
... SAYING THEIR INCOMPETENCE HAS LED TO THE TRAGIC INJURIES SUFFERED BY CELESTE ROCKFISH.



...STAY TUNED TO
EGV FOR FURTHER
DETAILS.

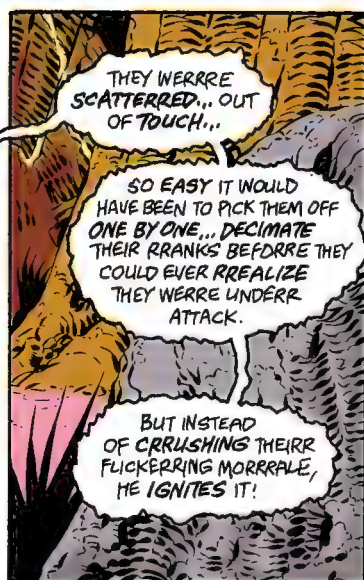
CURSED RROXXAS
HE IS A FIRRE-BBREATHERR
IN A MUNITIONS DUMP!

I, ah, ah,
WARRNED YOU
ABOUT HIM!



HOW WERE WE TO KNOW
HE WOULD EXPOSE HIS IDENTITY
TO THE LEGIONNAIRRES...

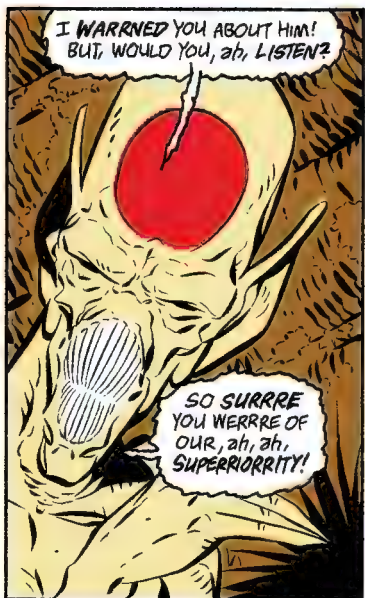
...RREVEAL TO
THEM THEY WERE THE
SUBJECT OF A MASS-
ASSASSINATION
PLOT...?



THEY WERRRE
SCATTERED... OUT
OF TOUCH...

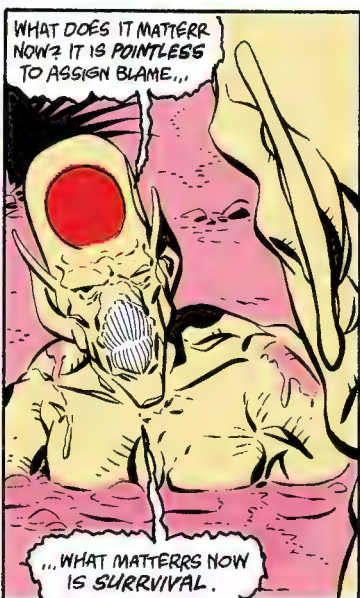
SO EASY IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN TO PICK THEM OFF
ONE BY ONE... DECIMATE
THEIR RRANKS BEFORE THEY
COULD EVER RREALIZE
THEY WERRRE UNDERR
ATTACK.

BUT INSTEAD
OF CRRUSHING THEIR
FLICKERRING MORRRALE,
HE IGNITES IT!



I WARRNED YOU ABOUT HIM!
BUT, WOULD YOU, ah, LISTEN?

SO SURRRE
YOU WERRRE OF
OUR, ah, ah,
SUPERIORRRITY!



WHAT DOES IT MATTERR
NOW? IT IS POINTLESS
TO ASSIGN BLAME...

...WHAT MATTERRS NOW
IS SURRRVIVAL.



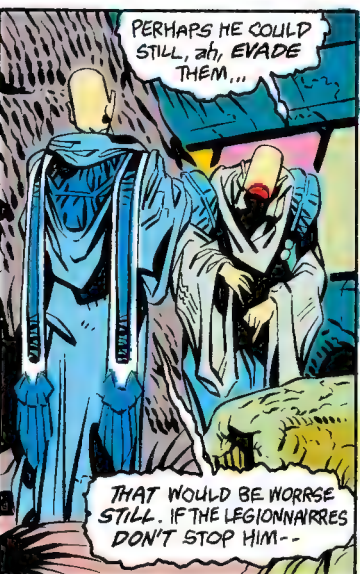
IF ONLY THE
LEGIONNAIRRES HAD,
ah, ah, KILLED
RROXXAS.

MAY THE ONLY GOD
FORRRBID THEM FROM
TAKING HIM ALIVE.



RROXXAS WOULD,
ah, ah, EXPOSE
US.

OURR COVERT
DOMINATION OF EARTHGOV
WOULD BE COMPROMISED.

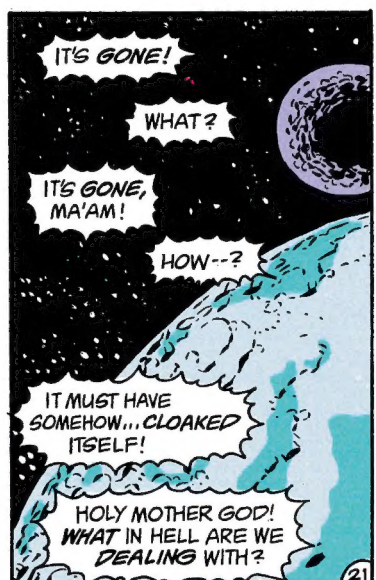
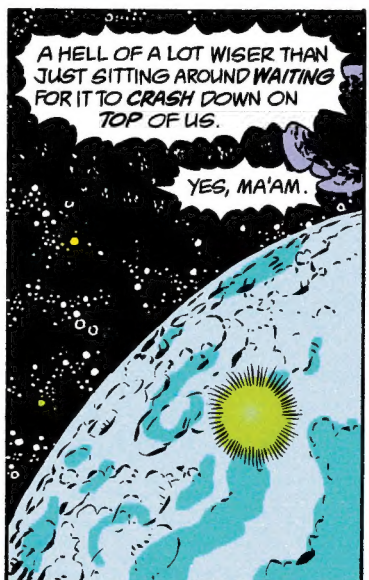
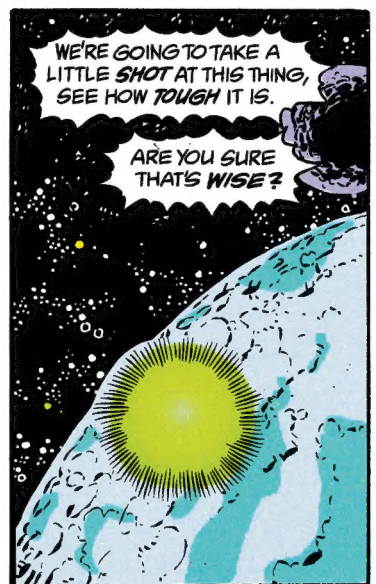
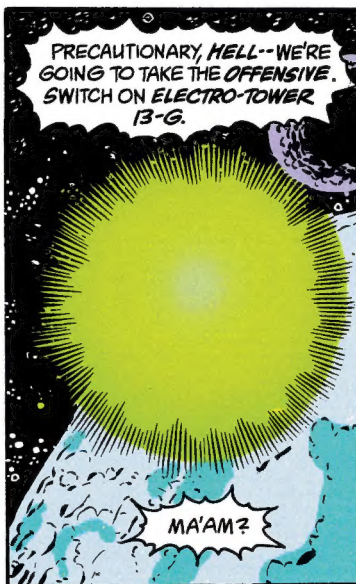
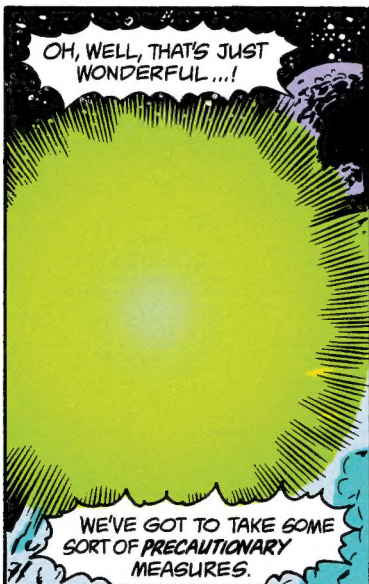


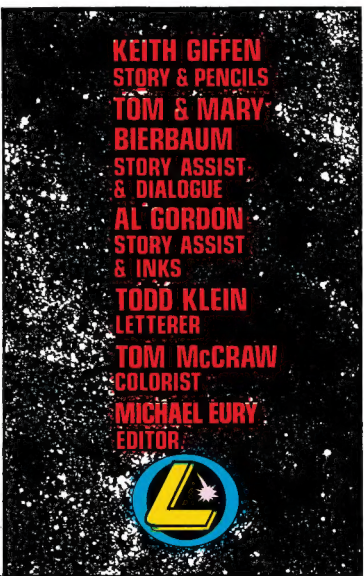
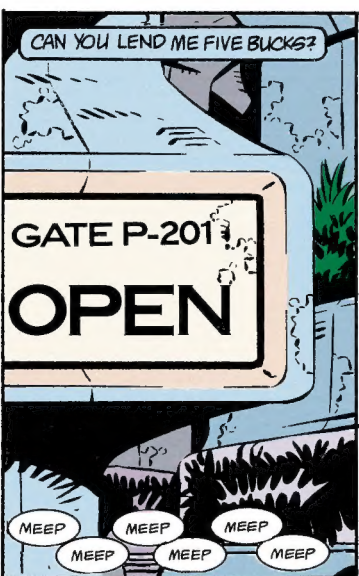
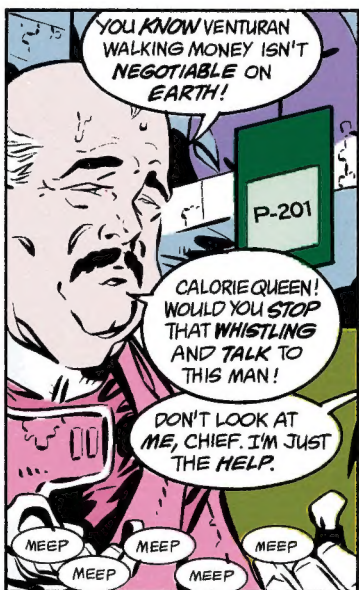
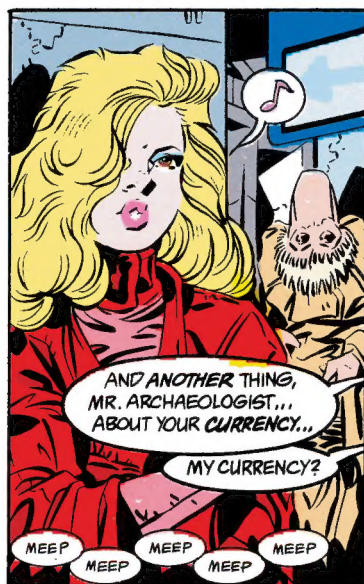
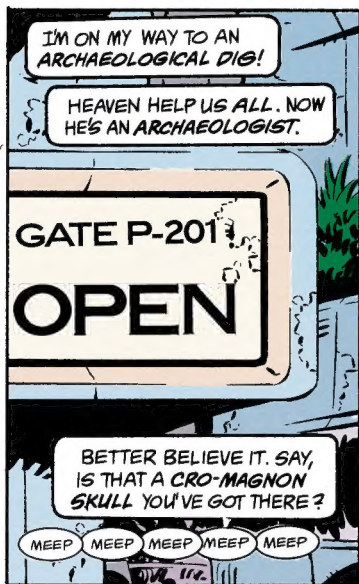
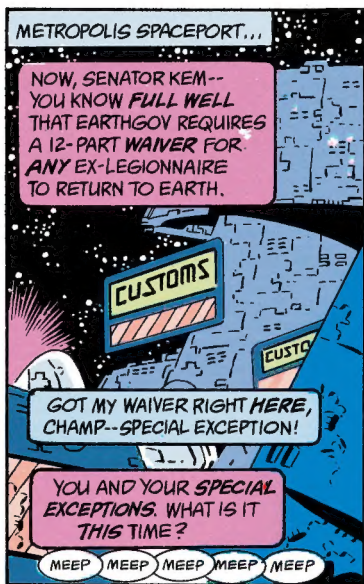
PERHAPS HE COULD
STILL, ah, EVADE
THEM...

THAT WOULD BE WORRRSE
STILL. IF THE LEGIONNAIRRES
DON'T STOP HIM--



--HE WILL
COME AFTER
US.





MASS MURDERER ROXXAS LINKED TO EARTHGOV

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Roxxas, the convicted mass murderer who’s a suspect in the recent killing of former Legionnaire Blok, is being paid a regular allowance out of a secret account linked to Earthgov, *The Daily Planet* has learned.

The 51-year-old former space pirate has been living off credits transferred to him from a shielded account at the Seoul First International Bank. *The Daily Planet* has obtained documents identifying the holder of that account as Marko Chang, known to have received massive unofficial payments from Earthgov (*The Daily Planet*, Oct. 8, 2993).

Sources within the Science Police have identified Roxxas as a prime suspect in the apparent murder of the Dryad hero Blok on Theta Antares 27 (the “Puppet Planetoid”).

Since evidence linking Roxxas to the murder surfaced, he’s remained outside of the jurisdiction of the Science Police Proper and Science Police Earth has refused to arrest him on his visits to Earth, saying the S.P. Proper has provided insufficient evidence to justify an arrest. An S.P.E. spokesman dismissed the *Planet’s* findings linking Roxxas to Earthgov as “look(ing) suspiciously like someone’s trying to railroad this suspect.”

Roxxas, born Kivun Roxxas in the Martian Colony New Utica, was convicted of the mass extermination of the Trommite race in 2975. He and his gang of space pirates massacred the population there when the natives refused to use their transmutation power to enrich Roxxas.

Though he was ordered to serve 100 consecutive life sentences for those murders, and records on Labyrinth show no indication of his rehabilitation, he was released for unknown reasons sometime during 2992.

The only known survivor of Roxxas’ slaughter of the Trom population is former Legionnaire Jan Arrah, who’s believed to be residing in solitude on that planet.

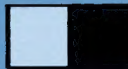
Earthgov Liaison Dirk Morgna denied the existence of any connection between Roxxas and Earthgov, despite the payments going to Roxxas from Chang. “We long ago ended all dealings with Mr. Chang, and have no idea what he might be doing these days, legal or otherwise,” Morgna said. “You can’t hold Earthgov accountable for every Jo Schmoe we’ve ever bought a widget from.”

Chang was linked to Earthgov in 2993 when documents obtained by *The Planet* indicated his account in the Aoki Geneva Interplanetary Bank had been bolstered by payments of at least five million credits over the previous year. At that time, Chang, an ex-Earthgov Council member, was known primarily as a financier of the anti-Khund group, the Coalition for Human-Humanoid Preservation.

Earthgov attributed the large figure to a clerical error that resulted in overpayment for unofficial Earthgov social functions arranged by the ex-council member. But there’s been no record that Chang has reimbursed Earthgov for the overpayment.

Morgna said he was “sure” Chang has paid Earthgov back but declined to discuss any evidence of such payment. Chang’s whereabouts are unknown. His attorneys and representatives of the Coalition for Human-Humanoid Preservation refused to comment on the link to Roxxas.

Blok, the last known survivor of the mysterious Dryad race, was killed in a series of small explosions on the Puppet Planetoid. Police have termed his death a murder, and sources in the S.P. Proper say there’s strong evidence linking Roxxas to the killing.



Labyrinth Penal Institute

Confidential Patient Record (Highlight Key Events)

Patient: Mekt Ranzz of Winath (alias "Lightning Lord")

Admitted: Feb. 17, 2989



Day 1: Patient booked by Legion, treatment for acute electrical disruption. Physical condition: Fair. Patient extremely sociopathic, displays additional symptoms of psychosis, paranoia. Expresses no remorse. Pride in destructive behavior. Hatred most intensely focused on brother Garth.

Day 7: Patient tried and convicted. Returned to Labyrinth, sentenced for the full term of his illness. Stage One telepathic-probe treatments commenced. Extreme resistance.

Day 174: Second stage achieved. First voluntary reception of telepathic probes; analysts are identifying possible sources of internal conflict, maladjusted behavior. Patient continues to show extreme anti-social tendencies, but first minor indications of vulnerability, possible remorse.

Day 176: Exploration into past traumas progressing swiftly. Patient cried.

Day 183: Emotional devastation of patient growing significantly as telepathic probes move closer toward possible sources of maladjustments.

Day 254: Entering the most severe stages of agitation. Finally maneuvered around complicated series of mental barriers and are confronting key incidents and events apparently at root of patient's illnesses. Patient in extreme anguish, treatments being cut back to 15-20 minutes a day as anguish reaches dangerous proportions. Patient threatening, begging staff to end treatments.

As treatments during previous incarcerations indicated, keys appear to be impossibly high standards set for eldest child and resulting parental disapproval; childhood torment suffered as an "only" (twin-less child on Winath); consistently greater accomplishments and resulting approval for brother Garth; closer ties between Garth and rest of family, particularly sister Ayla; traumatic exposure to vicious street life after he left home; exposure to cultish rituals and hallucinogens of Mordru worship; traumas, guilt of criminal actions. Resistance to confronting and resolving these conflicts is formidable. Lengthy treatments anticipated.

Day 306: Setback: Patient entering denial phase. Return of paranoia toward staff. Denies his actions as Lightning Lord.

Day 307: Violent outburst. Two orderlies injured. Extreme force needed to subdue patient. Exploration of past traumas suspended.

Day 338: Patient again acknowledges actions as Lightning Lord. Expresses limited regret. Telepathic exploration of past traumas to resume shortly.

Day 406: Anguish subsiding marginally. Treatments being lengthened.

Day 488: Patient requested extended session.

Day 556: Patient now comfortably discusses all identified traumas. Has expressed forgiveness for parents, brother Garth. Intense feelings of remorse.

Day 569: Stage Two concluded: Patient showed up voluntarily, early for treatments. Entering third stage of cooperative exploration.

Day 627: Steady progress. Visits by relatives permitted.

Day 628: Major breakthrough. Visit by Garth. Patient and visitor embraced.

Day 640: Progress continues. Patient requesting opportunities to make restitution. Recommend initiate schedule for transition back to civilian life.

Day 672: Assigned to Labyrinth work team. Attitude promising.

Day 728: Performance on work team excellent. Eager for additional treatments, though all indications are that traumas and scars have been confronted and healed. Ready to begin transition period. Work-release schedule drafted.

Day 818: Work-release program performance excellent. Considering request for release into custody of family.

Day 829: Parole Board agrees to release Patient into custody of Garth and Imra Ardeen Ranzz of Winath. Checkups at 90-day intervals for a period of one year required.

